

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend paragraph 1 on page 1 of the specification as amended herein:

The present invention is related to an application entitled Method and Apparatus for Supporting Transactions, serial no. [[\_\_\_\_\_]] 10/753,817, attorney docket no. AUS920030939US1, filed even date hereof, assigned to the same assignee, and incorporated herein by reference.